

United States Department of Agriculture
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Biotechnology Risk Assessment Research Grants Program
Grant

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	USDA-CSREES-BRAP-001212
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Current Closing Date for Applications:	Feb 28, 2008
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$3,000,000
Award Ceiling:	\$400,000
Award Floor:	\$0
CFDA Number:	10.219 -- Biotechnology Risk Assessment Research
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	No

Eligible Applicants

Independent school districts
For profit organizations other than small businesses
Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)
Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
Private institutions of higher education
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)

Additional Information on Eligibility:

Applications may be submitted by any United States public or private research or educational institution or organization. Award recipients may subcontract to organizations not eligible to apply provided such organizations are necessary for the conduct of the project.

Description

The purpose of the USDA Biotechnology Risk Assessment Grants (BRAG) Program is to assist Federal regulatory agencies in making science-based decisions about the effects of introducing genetically modified organisms into the environment. Investigations of effects on both managed and natural environments are relevant. Applications to the USDA BRAG Program must seek partial funding for a conference or address one of the following areas: 1) Identify and develop practices to minimize risks associated with genetically engineered organisms; 2) Research methods to monitor the dispersal of genetically engineered organisms; 3) Research to increase knowledge about the characteristics, rates, and methods of gene transfer that may occur between

genetically engineered organisms, and related organisms; 4) Perform assessments to provide analysis which compares impacts of organisms modified through genetic engineering to other types of production systems; 5) Other areas of research designed to further the purposes of the USDA BRAG program. See RFA for details.

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[Biotechnology Risk Assessment Research Grants RFA](#)

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Integrated Pest Management: Crops at Risk and Risk Avoidance and Mitigation
Competitive Grants Program Grant

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	USDA-CSREES-ICGP-001211
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Current Closing Date for Applications:	Feb 29, 2008
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$5,500,000
Award Ceiling:	\$0
Award Floor:	\$0
CFDA Number:	10.303 -- Integrated Programs
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	Yes

Eligible Applicants

Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
Private institutions of higher education

Additional Information on Eligibility:

See RFA for more specific eligibility information.

Description

The IPM: CAR & RAMP Programs seek to solve critical agricultural issues, priorities, or problems through the integration of research, education, and extension activities. The Program is designed to fund the development of new integrated pest management (IPM) approaches or the improvement of existing IPM systems. The program areas included in this Program RFA are: 1)Crops at Risk; and 2)Risk Avoidance and Mitigation. Projects funded within these program areas will cover a broad range of new methodologies, technologies, systems and strategies for implementing integrated crop and pest management programs.

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[IPM: CAR & RAMP Competitive Grants Programs RFA](http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=true&oppld=16365)

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Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Competitive Grants Program - Methyl Bromide Transitions Grant

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	USDA-CSREES-ICGP-001210
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Current Closing Date for Applications:	Feb 22, 2008
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$2,950,000
Award Ceiling:	\$2,950,000
Award Floor:	\$0
CFDA Number:	10.303 -- Integrated Programs
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	Yes

Eligible Applicants

Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)
Private institutions of higher education

Additional Information on Eligibility:

Please see the RFA for details.

Description

The goal of the Methyl Bromide Transitions (MBT) program is to support the discovery and implementation of practical pest management alternatives to methyl bromide uses or minimize methyl bromide emissions for which the United States is requesting critical use exemptions. The program is focused on integrated commercial or field scale research that targets short- to medium-term solutions.

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[ICGP - Methyl Bromide RFA](http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=true&oppld=16316)

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Natural Resources Conservation Service
Conservation Innovation Grants

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	NRCSNHQ0801
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Current Closing Date for Applications:	Feb 20, 2008
Expected Number of Awards:	60
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$20,000,000
Award Ceiling:	\$1,000,000
Award Floor:	\$0
CFDA Number:	10.912 -- Environmental Quality Incentives Program
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	Yes

Eligible Applicants

- State governments
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- City or township governments
- Special district governments
- Private institutions of higher education
- Individuals
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Small businesses
- For profit organizations other than small businesses
- County governments
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education

Description

The purpose of CIG is to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies while leveraging the Federal investment in

environmental enhancement and protection, in conjunction with agricultural production. CIG projects are expected to lead to the transfer of conservation technologies, management systems, and innovative approaches (such as market-based systems) into NRCS technical manuals, guides, and references, or to the private sector. CIG does not fund research projects. Instead, it is a vehicle to stimulate the development and adoption of conservation approaches or technologies that have been studied sufficiently to indicate a likelihood of success and to be candidates for eventual technology transfer or institutionalization. CIG funds projects targeting innovative on-the-ground conservation, including pilot projects and field demonstrations. NRCS will accept applications for single or multi-year projects, not to exceed three years, submitted to NRCS from eligible entities, including Federally-recognized Indian Tribes, State and local governments, and non-governmental organizations and individuals. Applications are accepted from all 50 States, the Caribbean Area (Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands), and the Pacific Basin Area (Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands). Complete applications will be evaluated by a technical peer review panel and

scored based on the Criteria for Application Evaluation identified in this document. There are eight review groups for FY 2008 applications: Water Quality-Livestock; Water Quality-Not Livestock; Water Quantity; Soils; Atmospheric; Grazing Land and Forest Health; Wildlife; and Energy. Applicants may indicate which of these review groups should review the application. Scored applications will be forwarded to a Grants Review Board. The Grants Review Board will make recommendations for project approval to the Chief. Final award selections will be made by the Chief of NRCS. Link to Full Announcement: Conservation Innovation Grants Announcement for Program Funding (link is: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cig>), Technical Contact: Tessa Chadwick, CIG National Program Manager. Office#: 202-720-2335, email: tessa.chadwick@wdc.usda.gov

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